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Electricity

Nearly 7,000 Customers Remain without Power in Southern California Following Storm on March 27 that Causes More than 230,000 to Lose Power

A severe storm brought hail, snow, and gale-force winds to southern California on Tuesday causing thousands to lose power. In total, some 231,000 customers without electric power for some period of time as the storm swept through the region. While some outages lasted only a few seconds, other lasted into the following day. Southern California Edison reported that 208,000 of its customers were affected and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) reported that 23,000 of its customers lost power. As of early morning on March 28, Edison reported that 5,350 customers remained without power and the LADWP reported some 1,600 of its customers were without power.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-power29mar29.0.1913208.story?coll=la-home-local>
<http://www.ksq.com/Global/story.asp?S=6289187&nav=9qrx>

EEI Reports Weekly Power Production Falls by 2.2 Percent Compared to 2006

According to the latest data from the Edison Electric Institute, weekly production of electric power in the U.S. fell by 2.2 percent compared to the same period in 2006. Production dropped the most in the southeastern section of the country, falling 5.6 percent.

Reuters, 13:07 March 28, 2007

Petroleum

Small Piping Leak Discovered at Chevron's El Segundo Refinery in California, No Impact on Production

In a report to state regulators, Chevron said that a small leak was discovered in furnace piping at the refinery. The company indicated that the leak was being repaired and that the problem was not impacting production or supply. Bloomberg News, 14:39 March 28, 2007

Motiva Shuts Units at its 285,000 b/d Port Arthur Refinery in Texas March 27: Sources

There are unconfirmed reports that a number of units at the Motiva refinery in Port Arthur have been shut down so that unscheduled repairs could be undertaken. Bloomberg News reports that a 92,000 b/d FCC unit and a 20,000 b/d alkylation unit have been shut. OPIS also reports that the FCC unit is down and adds that sources expect it will be out of service for between five to seven days.

Bloomberg News, 15:02 March 28, 2007

OPIS, 10:11 March 28, 2007

Following Brief Power Outage, Citgo Restarts Coking Unit at its 156,000 b/d Corpus Christi Refinery in Texas March 27

According to a report filed with state regulators, the delayed coking unit was successfully restarted following restoration of the power supply from an outside party.

Reuters, 10:44 March 28, 2007

Natural Gas

Wave of Smaller Pipeline Expansions Expected to Accompany New Large Pipelines - INGAA

According to Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), in the next few years, a “wave of smaller, significant expansions” of existing and greenfield pipes is expected to accompany the new, large, natural gas pipelines that are now under construction.

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index, March 28, 2007, <http://intelligencepress.com/>

Williams Plans to Construct 450 MMcf/d Natural Gas Processing Plant in Colorado

Williams Cos. plans to construct and operate the Willow Creek plant in Piceance Basin to maximize natural gas liquids (NGL) extraction. The Willow Creek facility is expected to recover an additional 20,000 b/d of NGL at startup, which is planned for late 2009. Nearly 30,000 b/d of peak NGL production is expected.

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/070328/clw070.html?v=85>

Oneok and Williams Cos. to Build 150-mile 100,000 b/d Natural Gas Pipeline in Colorado

Oneok Partners LP and its joint venture partner Williams Cos. will build a 150-mile lateral pipeline, which will carry as much as 100,000 barrels per day of raw natural gas liquids from the Piceance Basin to the 750-mile Overland Pass pipeline. Construction on the Piceance pipeline is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2008, with startup expected in early 2009.

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070328/oneok_partners_new_pipeline.html?v=1

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
March 28, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	64.11	56.68	65.65
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	7.47	6.82	7.15

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Xcel's Zuni Generating Station Leaks Oil into River in Colorado

http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/local/article/0,1299,DRMN_15_5446967,00.html

Qatar to Produce 30% of Global LNG Production

http://www.menafn.com/qn_news_story_s.asp?StoryId=1093147969

Manure-to-Biogas Huckabay Ridge Facility in Texas Delivers First Natural Gas Shipment

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index, March 28, 2007, <http://intelligencepress.com/>

Links

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<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

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Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

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Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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